GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CROSS BORDER TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have examined the statements made by the President of Pakistan in the past few months to end cross border terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether despite repeated statements, the infiltration is still continuing;

(d) if so, whether the Government have taken up this issue with the United States and other developed countries; and

(e) if so, the reaction of those countries thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a)-(e) Pakistan`s sponsorship of cross border terrorism and terrorist infiltration into India continues unabated. The recent terrorist attack on the American Cultural Center in Kolkatta, as also the daily killing of innocent men, women and children by Pakistan based terrorist groups starkly highlights this fact.

Government have noted that in his address to the Pakistan nation on 12th January 2002, the President of Pakistan committed the Government of Pakistan not to support or permit any more the use of Pakistani territory for terrorism anywhere in the world. However, just three weeks later, in a public address on 5th February, the President of Pakistan once again reiterated Pakistan`s time worn and untenable formulations on terrorism and also sought to justify the continued terrorist violence in Jammu & Kashmir.

Government have been appropriately and effectively bringing to the attention of the international community facts pertaining to Pakistan`s continued sponsorship of cross border terrorism. The international community has been fully supportive of India`s firm resolve to resist terrorism until it is decisively crushed. The widespread consensus in the international community today is that there is no justification for terrorism which must be eradicated wherever it exists.